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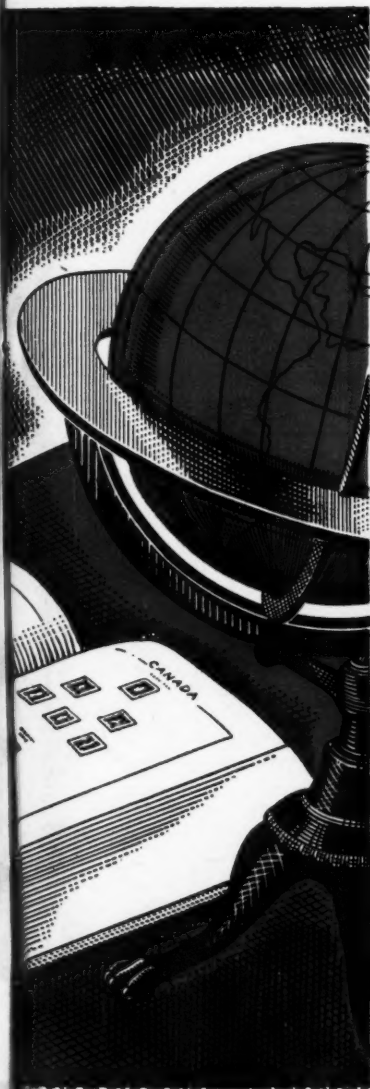
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As matters are, the collecting of U. S. stamps is a staggeringly complex thing, requiring a great deal of careful study before one can recognize and classify correctly even a major portion of our stamps as listed in the catalogues. The government authorities and manufacturers of most of these issues, if alive today, would be little better off than the average collector. They wouldn't be so much confused, as disgusted.

There are 1851-57 types for example. After original proofs of the dies were approved, we find the printers making alterations in the designs both on the transfer rolls and on the plates. Considering the conditions under which such stamps were prepared, it would only be unusual if there were not a number of variations in amounts of the original die design found on each stamp. We know, as many puzzled dealers and collectors have learned, that occasionally a copy of one of this issue will turn up which is not definitely any one Type. Why then should we attempt to classify these variations and assign major importance to them?

Papers, gums, cancels and shades have been claimed as distinguishing characteristics of many U. S. Yet we know—or should—that all three things are subject to change in a matter of days, not to mention years. We know further that samples of proposed and new stamps were formerly rather freely distributed, and that they can and have been confused with regularly issued stamps. More than once it has been shown that a stamp has been recognized before there was any worthwhile proof it was actually a postage stamp.

To us a complete collection of U. S. stamps of the Bank Note period would include a copy of each denomination of each issue that began in 1847, 1851, 1861, 1869, 1870 and 1890. Ignoring grills, types, papers and shades and limiting such a collection to what are known to be regularly issued stamps we find a total of 69 stamps divided as follows: 1847 2, 1851 5, 1857 8, 1861-68 10, 1869 10, 1870-88 23 and 1890 11. In that count we included only different designs, plus changes of color. There are admittedly other varieties that are on the border of being distinct separate issues, but by falling back on the rule of "official intention" they can be ignored. Such a collection of 69 stamps as compared with the 200 or more catalogue numbers, would be of more interest we are certain not only to its possessor but to others. It simply demonstrates the changes due to rate revisions and government. And that's about all that's required. The only flaw in the boiling down of listings of major varieties this much, is that the demand for the 69 would boom them into high priced items! So maybe after all, we'd best leave things as they are and let collectors take up something simple to collect such as early Afghans or Turkish surcharges.

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The Answer Is...

Submitted are two copies of the current 6c Eagle airmail stamp, with a question if both are collectible since they are different shades, and why the catalog does not list each separately. We urge collectors, particularly beginners and those unfamiliar with printing, the vagaries of inks etc. to **IGNORE SHADES**. In this instance, one stamp is darker in appearance, the other lighter and softer in tone of colors. Yet there was no difference in ink we are certain. If our reader had looked closely, he would have seen that the portions clearly white on one stamp are a pinkish tinge on the other. This accounts for the difference in shade of the two stamps. The reason for the pinkish tinge to the surface of the paper is insufficient wiping of the plates. In engraving, the design (all that is to appear in color) is engraved into a smoothly surfaced steel plate; ink is forced into these recesses; the surface of the plate cleansed of ink and polished; then the paper is dampened and forced by pressure to pick the ink out of the recesses. Consequently engraved stamps have the appearance of ink standing upon the surface of the paper and when turned over show the design as if embossed. It will be seen that if all the ink is not cleaned off the surface of the plate, this ink will also be taken by the contact of the paper, giving the tinge as mentioned above. This is very common on U. S. stamps and on some issues due to haste in printing more stamps will be found with tinged backgrounds than white. If a sheet of flat plate stamps is examined, the tinge is readily seen, for it extends onto the sheet margins with a sudden break from tinge to normal white paper. There is no difference in value accorded stamps printed from properly or improperly wiped plates. These are not bonafide shades.

"What are the status of the 'Confederate facsimiles'? Were these printed with the original dies?" The answer to these questions can be found in any dictionary. A facsimile is a copy, or an exact imitation. Facsimiles are not printed from original plates or dies. They are produced with the intent to provide those who desire to have some kind of a space filler for very scarce issues. A common facsimile found in old collections are German imitations of U. S. Newspaper stamps.

"Why was the 'F' omitted from the plate number on upper right top posi-

tion of upper right panes of the 3c 1939 Inaugural commemorative plate number 22370?" This is a constant variety of this plate. The F was not apparently deliberately omitted, but may have been placed on the plate too far away from the number to appear in the printing. The F only signifies that the plate has been passed by inspector of same after hardening.



"May I suggest that you put the notice of discontinued and new post offices together in one place? Many of these notices appear too late, why not print them sooner?" We've answered this before; in fact it is a regular item in this column. So once more:—We have a maximum of columns now and so use these items as "spot" items, scattered here and there as fillers. It does not take much time—less than two minutes in fact—to turn the pages and see where these items are, and surely our readers interested in such things can spare them two minutes per week? We print the items in earliest issue possible. We print some in issues dated only a few days prior to date of discontinuance of office in the belief that while this will reach some collectors too late, it may reach others in time. We could probably save ourselves a lot of trouble explaining this by just omitting all events closer than a week to date of publication, but we know that many of you would not want this done. You can speed up things a little by subscribing to the Daily Postal Bulletin at \$2.00 per year (Supt. of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington) or by looking at the copies at your local

post office every few days. But in any event you will not be able to obtain covers from all such offices as often the notice does not appear in the Bulletin until AFTER the date of discontinuance. We can't, readers please note, print news before we get it.

"Why was the country name omitted from our U. S. Pilgrim Tercentenary issue of 1920?" Our reader asked this and commented upon the similar Honduras issue mentioned on page 211. There are many stamps which do not have the name of the issuing country. England has insisted on omitting it ever since the first issue, though it violates the Universal Postal Union agreement that country of origin must be indicated on all stamps. There is no evidence that the country name was omitted from our Pilgrim issue by error, but instead deliberately. A high postal official at the time stated there was no need to indicate the country. Whether the omission caused any confusion in foreign countries has to our knowledge never been reported in the philatelic press. Another instance of country name being omitted and evidently by error, was Portugal's 1928 Olympic Games Postal Tax stamp, where the error was corrected by overprinting the stamp with the country name.

What are the catalogue numbers, we are asked, of a horizontal pair of 1c stamps, design of 1912, on a cover postmarked in 1920. The pair of stamps is perforated between and at top, but at bottom and at left and right sides the pair is straightedged. This is a certain indication a pair is from the bottom of a booklet pane. Booklet panes are listed as a minor variety under the corresponding regular variety. In this instance the perforated 11 booklet pane is listed under the 1c 1912 design issued in 1917 perforated 11, No. 498, and the booklet pane is listed as No. 498e. Booklet panes are generally collected only in the complete pane, there being practically no demand for portions of panes.

"What is the difference between Kodapak and cellulose acetate sheeting?" Kodapak is simply one firm's trade name for a cellulose acetate sheeting. There are other trade names. Cellophane is the Du Pont company's name for this sort of material, though of course each manufacturer varies the product. All except

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"You warned that use of waterproofed cellophane should not be used to mount stamps; how may it be told from the non-waterproof?" There is no perceptible difference in appearance. The waterproofed is not generally met with in paper stocks. The only way to tell the two apart is by burning; waterproofed burning to an ash, and non-waterproofed burning but depositing a gummy, sticky substance. The unwaterproofed is safe to use in mounting stamps.

"How many first day covers were sent last May 6th of Britain's Postage Stamp Centenary series with entire set on cover? No record is kept by the British post office of such things. There was a shortage of some values, even in London, on the first day, and consequently the majority of covers did not have the full set. Since a quantity of covers was lost by submarine action, no figures are available, unless some dealer (attention you gals at KenMore) can supply an approximate figure.

"Can I purchase British Colonials at wholesale from the Crown Agents at London?" No, only certain dealers in England, permanent residents of that country, who are approved by the Agents, may buy stamps from the Crown Agents. Even then stamps are not sold at face value, but a percentage is charged varying with size of purchase. Selected stock is not necessarily supplied either.

"The enclosed envelope stamp appears to have been printed on both sides; is it common or unusual?" The stamp submitted is a cut square envelope stamp, 2c, current issue, it being obviously inked on both sides, though the coloring on the back is somewhat lighter than that on the front. Since the design on the back is

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in reverse, that provides a clue to origin. This envelope stamp at the time it was printed was forced against another freshly printed envelope stamp, and the ink offset from the face of one to the back of the other. Common and worth no premium. A double print would have both impressions normal (i. e., not one in reverse like this specimen of offsetting).

"Have a block of the 16c Air Mail Special Delivery with two plate numbers, one with F and other without; is this a valuable error?" No. See the description next week in our news columns of how the 6c bicolored air mail stamp is printed. The 16c is printed from same size plates, 100-subject frames and 50-subject centers, and consequently certain panes would lack the F on the red plate number.

"Is it possible to remove stuck down unused stamps without having to soak them and remove their gum?" Yes, if you have an electric refrigerator handy. Simply place the stamp in the cooler for a half hour or so and upon removal you will be able in most instances to peel the stamp from the paper and, after laying it face down on a cloth to dry, the gum will dry with no apparent loss of gum by the operation. There is less danger of discoloration of rotogravure printed stamps by this method, than by some others.

"Is it illegal to sell an unused stamp for more than face value?" Not unless the seller is a postal employee on duty. There was a law passed in the 1850's (which has been occasionally quoted) which prohibited such sales and was intended to hit at persons profiteering in the isolated western regions. It was repealed in the '70's, but the exact date escapes us.

Readers are welcome to send inquiries concerning stamps, but if stamps are submitted or a personal reply is desired, a reply postal card or stamped, self-addressed envelope must be enclosed. Valuation of stamps and the expertising of doubtful specimens does not come within the scope of this column. Otherwise we are pleased to try to answer those questions that you would like answered. Look for your answers here.

• The North Carolina post office of Carabenton will close on March 31. On the same date the office of Stokes, S. C. will close.

• New navy post offices authorized to be established as branches of New York recently include: U. S. S. Lassen, Edison, Boreas, Thornton, Vixen and Laramie.

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Libia Occupation Issue

The *Philatelic Magazine* says that on January 28 in the House of Commons the Postmaster General was asked if he would consider the advisability of issuing overprinted Italian stamps for the Libyan territory. The postmaster general replied in the affirmative but pointed out the matter was one to be dealt with by the military authorities.

• A new naval post office ordered established in March was Headquarters, Tenth Naval District, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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Little more than two years have passed since a new specimen of that mystery stamp, the 4d. black triangular of the Cape of Good Hope came on the market. Now comes news of the findings of another copy, thus bringing the number of specimens known up to six.

The most recently discovered copy is contained in the collection of a Colonel of the Royal Artillery, and is to be auctioned in New York by H. R. Harmer, on April 9th. The owner proposes to devote the proceeds of the sale to the purchase of war loan bonds.

The history of the 4d. black dates back to the early days of philately. The variety was listed in both editions of Alfred Potiquet's catalogue as well as in the first edition of Mount Brown's. The first mention of the stamp to appear in the philatelic periodical press was in the "Stamp Collectors Review" and "Monthly Advertiser" in May 1864, and in July of that year, Edward L. Pemberton wrote to the "Stamp Collector's Magazine", stating that he did not know of an authentic specimen of the 4d. in "blue-black", other than a few of the 4d. blue which had become discoloured.

His letter drew a reply from J. M. Stourton, of Henley-on-Thames, who wrote that he had an undoubtedly genuine 4d. black in his own collection.

In October 1868, a contributor to the same magazine, signing himself "Theta," stated:—

"The existence of this stamp has not, I believe, ever been satisfactorily settled. I remember seeing one myself in 1862, in the possession of a young amateur in Walworth, whom I have since lost sight of. It was, although obliterated, an incomparable copy, pure jet black on stout white paper; and I can positively assert, in no wise to be confounded with the discoloured specimens of the 4d. blue which so frequently come under our notice.

"I have never, however, seen since then a similar copy to the one above described, which may possibly have been an error in printing, and, as such, doubtless very scarce. It was probably one of these specimens which led to the insertion of a 4d. black in Mount Brown's first edition, but

which he afterwards altered to "blue-black" (the hue of the common discoloured copies of the blue stamp), doubtless not being quite certain as to the reality of the existence of one in pure black, which perhaps he never saw in the first instance, and had merely quoted from heresy - - -

"The fact that the 4d. black is altogether unknown now, does not, in my mind, impeach the authenticity of its existence in the least."

Ten years later, at the Congress International des Timbrophiles held in Paris, a letter was read from Hermann Hirsch, of Berlin, relating what purported to be the full history of this mysterious stamp. A translation of Hirsch's letter in its entirety will be found in an article by Fred J. Melville, published in the "Stamp Collectors Fortnightly," Vol. XXXIII, page 404 (October 25th, 1927), and it is unnecessary to repeat the wording here, but the gist of the letter is that Hirsch had been presented with a number of stamps, including a specimen of the 4d. black, by the son of the Governor of San Domingo, a friend of the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope.

Accompanying the stamp was this explanation of its issue:—

"Following the death of Prince Consort, Albert of England, at the end of December 1861, the Postmaster-General, at the instigation of the Governor of the Cape, had 300 stamps of the 4d. "black" printed to replace during a few days the "blues" of the same value, just as a token of mourning for the dead prince. Eight days later, these stamps were withdrawn from circulation, and only the blue ones remained in currency. But during these eight days, only 80 of the 300 were sold, and the 220 left on hand were ordered to be destroyed. It is one of these latter, condemned to destruction, which was added to the assortment sent for presentation to me—The official source whence the stamp came guarantees its authenticity."

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use, there is one fact which apparently disproves the story, despite the official nature of its origin. The Prince Consort died on December 14th, 1861, but the news of his death did not reach the Cape until January 30th, 1862; yet the 4d. black was listed in Alfred Potiquet's first edition, which was published on December 21st, 1861! By its inclusion in that catalogue the stamp must have been known to Potiquet while the Prince was still alive.

The most likely explanation of the production of the 4d. black is that it was a proof, not of printing, but of the efficacy of the watermarked paper. Before the first issue of the Cape of Good Hope in 1853, the printers, Perkins, Bacon & Co., had not produced any triangular stamps nor used paper watermarked in the special manner necessary for them. It is quite feasible that some trials of printing on the watermarked paper were made in black and one or more of these trial sheets sent to the Cape either purposely or accidentally in a consignment of 4d. blue. The black stamps may have been issued in the ordinary way at a post office, and, in fact, this is quite likely to have taken place during the great stamp shortage at the cape before the "Woodblocks" were issued early in 1861.

In 1892 Walter Morley, who had found a postmarked 4d. black in a collection he purchased, offered the stamp for sale at one of W. Hadlow's auctions, and Surgeon-Captain E. Cooper bought the specimen for £3 10s. od. Subsequently this stamp was acquired by Mr. R. F. A. Riesco, who later secured also an unused copy. Both these stamps were purchased together with the collection by Frank Godden, Ltd., in 1938. In 1924 another specimen in unused condition was added to the Royal Collection, and the following year Mr. R. Roberts purchased an unused copy in the collection of a high South African official.

The fifth stamp, a used specimen, had been shown at the Silver Jubilee Exhibition held by the Royal Philatelic Society, Lond., in 1935, and three years afterwards, this copy was purchased by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. in the famous "A" collection.

The sixth copy which is now coming on the market makes the number of used and unused specimens equal, at three each.

Stamp Printers Bombed

It is reported that two of the larger companies in London, engaged in stamp printing, have suffered heavy damage due to raids on the city, notably during a strong incendiary bombing. Whether stamp plates and dies were destroyed is not stated in foreign reports, but it is not unlikely that changes in colonial issues may result from this damage.

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• The Post Office is doing away with its Cad, by discontinuing that Georgia post office as well as the neighboring one of Oasis on March 31.

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Perfs and Imperfs

WHETHER ITALIAN COLONIES actually put to use their numerous air stamps has been challenged by some skeptics, but we wonder if they noticed what we did in a recent news photo? It showed a group of citizens of captured Bardia reading the proclamation of the British commander, evidently posted on the doorway of a government building. But what interested us was a mail box at right of the door with large sign above it "POSTA AEREA."

THE 1940-41 YEAR BOOK OF THE S. P. A. came out a few weeks ago. If the members who didn't attend the last convention read the minutes and reports they will realize their society is going places. The S. P. A. has survived serious difficulties and emerged as a very active, progressive society and the many who helped it reach its present high state deserve the thanks not only of the members but of all American philately.

ONE CERTAIN WAY TO OBTAIN information is to make a positive statement and wait for the prompt correction. If you want information and ask for it, it often doesn't come. Anyway Steve Rich supplies a correction to an item here March 1. Steve says Britain does precancel adhesive stamps and that he has more that way than upon wrapper stamps. The London type, he describes, as "four bunches of radial dashes within a circle". Thanks, Steve.

CONGRESSMAN PLUMLEY CERTAINLY went to town as a critic of the Vermont stamp. While we can't pass upon the merit of the controversy on the Capitol picture, we will agree with anything he says about that shield. It's about as graceful a piece of symbolism as a wornout bus.

AS SOON AS A COUNTRY OPENS a Philatelic Agency, its new issues seem to increase suddenly in number. Liberia's record needs no additional comment. Costa Rica seems intending to follow suit, with one issue following another in rapid—and expensive—succession. Costa Rica has enjoyed a better reputation in philately than most of its neighbors, but at this rate we wonder how long that reputation will last. A football champion-

ship hardly warrants an issue of 18 stamps costing over \$3.00.

NO WONDER OUR FIRST DAY Calendar has been so puny lately. Other and more profitable stamp issues are keeping the government occupied to the neglect of new postage issues. We see that three billion dollars is expected to be netted from the new Defense Savings stamps and bonds. With that many dollars from that issue, it's plain that there's no need to fool around with postage stamp issues which render the comparatively insignificant sum of \$30,000 or so.

WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE sea war caused it, but a recent British periodical reached us with the upper portion of all pages missing, the ragged edge indicating dampening of the paper. Maybe the rats in the ship's hold just got extra hungry; or one of the crew lost a bet.

ON PAGE 301 OUR BROADWAY Chatter columnist mentioned that the Frasek radio program is believed to be first sponsored by a dealer regularly. J. D. Zimmerman says the Ace Stamp Co. of Cincinnati has been doing this for several months; also if we recall correctly there is a similar program at Huntington, W. Va.

Second H. P. O. in May

The second Highway Post Office will commence operations May 3rd between South Bend and Indianapolis. First trip cover arrangements to be announced later.

Air Mail Pickup Flight

West Newton, Pa. will have its first flight of the pickup airmail service as soon as the weather permits, J. William Ross advises. Covers (with air mail postage) should be sent the postmaster for carriage. A cachet will probably be used.

• Scott Nixon, SFC Bldg., Augusta, Ga., offers to mail covers on the new Southern Ry. Streamliner due to go into service soon, if stamp for the cover and 1c for forwarding are sent him.

• 75,000 of Liberia's 1936 triangular airmails in canceled sheets were offered in the March 27-28 wholesale auction of Harmer, Rooke & Co.

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Bureau Issues Association—Announced in the March issue of the *Bureau Specialist* was the appointment of several prominent philatelists to head committees in the organization. George T. Turner, well known to all collectors of Revenue issues, has been appointed Chairman of the committee covering these stamps and in the March issue of *The Bureau Specialist* begins his monthly reports with a summary of the new issues.

Fred L. Noll of Lansdown, Pa., has assumed charge of reports covering the Offset Issues of U. S. Mr. Noll is also well known to collectors in his particular line as a consistent prize winner with his showings on the Offset Series of stamps. This field of collecting is attracting more and more converts as the possibilities for research work are unlimited. New types have been discovered from time to time and as Mr. Noll states in his first report, the photograph of the machine used at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for making the offset plates still has to be found! The original machine was manufactured by the Lithotex Corporation of New York and from all the facts that have been discovered the one and only machine the firm made was sold to the Government, and as the company is no longer in existence no data can be found. George Hahn of Cleveland, Ohio now heads the committee covering the new Presidential series of stamps. William C. Hewitt of Milwaukee, who has been building up a collection of the various issues printed for the electric eye perforators at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has taken over this phase of U. S. and is now at work on a complete review of the various plate markings used since the beginning of this type of perforating. Interested collectors may obtain a sample copy of the monthly publication of the Bureau Issues Association free of charge by addressing their requests to the editor, Mr. R. A. Bryant, 50 Simpson Ave., West Somerville, Mass.

Cover Collectors of America—The full program for the April 4-5-6 convention at Tulsa has been released. We have referred before to the main events. Registration fee will be 25c; banquet \$1.50; bourse tables \$4.25 and \$5.50. Exhibit will comprise 400 frames. Registration commences each day at 9 A.M.

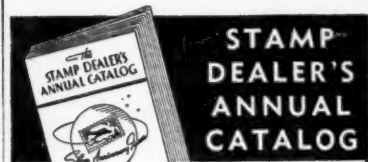
Cleveland, O.—Further details of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club's annual on March 28, 29, 30 at the Hollenden have been announced. Will commence on Fri-

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New York, N. Y.—A chapter of the Cover Collectors of America will be organized in this city. Dr. S. D. Dreizen and E. G. Arnold, Brooklyn cover dealer, are collaborating. First meeting will be held March 25 at 8 P.M. at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 48th St. Dr. Dreizen may be contacted at 101 W. 104th St., New York.

Springfield, Ill. Annual banquet and installation of officers of the Lincoln's Home Collectors Club will be Saturday evening, March 29 at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel. A program is being arranged which will be of general interest. Reservations should be sent the hotel. This club meets regularly at the Hotel on first and third Mondays. Its members included collectors of many hobbies.

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Faroes Obtain Stamps

One of the curious postal happenings of the present war is reported by *Gibbons Stamp Monthly*. The postmaster at the Faroe Islands, Danish possession occupied by the British, found it necessary some time ago to have 15 ore stamps surcharged to provide a badly needed 20 ore stamp. Now, via Switzerland, the Faroe postmaster has been supplied with stamps of needed denominations obtained from Nazi-occupied Denmark. The Brit-

ish publishers expressed surprise that both German and British authorities permitted the transaction. Gibbons, in the belief that purchase of the stamps would be trading in enemy goods, made no effort to obtain copies for their New Issue services. Enemy stamps issued in British-controlled territory!

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Marine Corps Offices In West Indies

On March 1 the following branch post offices were to be established for use of the Marine Corps personnel now being established at British American possessions in connection with construction of U. S. bases: Marine Detachment, Island of Antigua, Leeward Islands, Branch New York, N. Y. and Marine Detachment, Trinidad, Branch New York, N. Y. On March 15 another office was ordered established: Marine Detachment, Portland Bight, Jamaica, Branch, New York, N. Y. These in addition to offices established in Bermuda and Newfoundland as mentioned before.

Auction Calendar

March 25-26—U. S. and Possessions, Uptown Stamp Co., 140L W. 42nd St., New York City.

March 29—At ATEX exhibition, Atlantic City, M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

March 31, April 1—U. S. Collection, Accumulation H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32-34 E. 37th St., New York, N. Y.

April 1—First portion of Brown effects. H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.

April 8-9—General foreign, etc. H. R. Harmer, Inc., 32-34 E. 37th St., New York, City.

April 10—U. S., including wholesale lots. Wakonda Stamp Co., Dept. 52, P. O. Box 1792, Denver, Colo.

April 11—Mail sale, including airmails. The Stamp Studio, P. O. Box 11, Station W, New York, N. Y.

Canadian Series Expected

A series of stamps, possibly composed of three values, to be issued in connection with war activities, is expected to appear soon from Canada. Marks Stamp Co. state the issue is expected after the opening of Parliament in April (also beginning of the new fiscal year). There have been repeated demands in Canada by various groups for such stamps and Dominion officials are reported to have looked with favor upon such proposals. The Dominion post offices are at present engaged in a very active campaign to swell war funds by sales of War Savings Stamps.

Collect Postmasters Provisionals?

Ira N. Chiles of Lenoir City, Tenn., would like to hear from collectors of postmasters provisional issues. Mr. Chiles is most interested in such stamps and would particularly like to hear from collectors of these stamps in Baltimore, Washington, New York and Philadelphia.

* The Augusta Stamp Exchange, 308 8th St., Augusta, Ga. will give a set of old office name covers to each reader sending in ten or more odd names.

Catalog Error

Marks Stamp Co. in the March Emco Monthly Journal report an error in the Scott Catalogue which seems not to have been previously noted. Number 65 of Trinidad should, they say be listed ahead of numbers 62 and 63 and a mention should be made that these two stamps bear the same type of surcharge as 65. Maybe this will help you British Colonial collectors to get straightened out.

* The KenMore Collector predicts Bermuda will issue a 7½d stamp to meet the air rate to the U. S.

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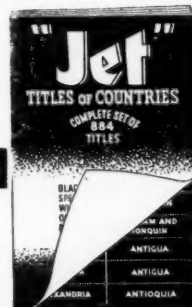
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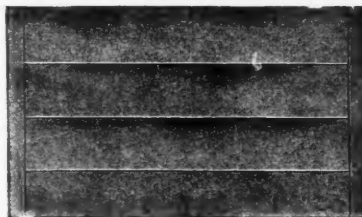
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The Equitable Stamp Company is the latest stamp house to move to 505 Fifth Avenue. This building soon will break 116 Nassau Street's record. Albert Levitt, the manager of the Equitable, announces that his company will only handle the stamps of the British Empire. He has disposed of his company's holdings of all other stamps.

A number of weeks ago I mentioned that a Detroit firm was trying to sell perforating machines. Adolph Klingenstein, manager of the Rialto Stamp Company, made public a letter from the Postmaster General which states that since the U.S. has issued no imperforate stamps in recent years, it is evident that these machines are to be used for purposes unsuited to the best interests of everyone concerned and should be barred from the mails. As a result, I turned down a request for the address of the machine company which was made by a reader of this column.

A new innovation at auction sales is being tried this week by the Parke-Bernet Galleries, Inc., with the cooperation of the Philatelic Research Laboratories. The auction house will show stamp lots on a screen in the auction room so buyers can see what they are actually purchasing. The projector will enlarge the stamps by about 50 times, and will also be in color.

Importers of New Issues were cheered up considerably when supplies of Portugal's long awaited centennial sheet showed up in the mail, but what was even better news was the appearance of a "penny black" set from Turkey. These made up for the absence of the Nicaragua set. Now it seems probable that Mozambique may have a centennial sheet. With the appearance of the last two mentioned items the Centennial series will have been completed.

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A few more British Colonial provisional issues have appeared on the market. One from Ceylon, the other from Fiji. As yet there is no complete information on their relative scarcity as would be indicated by the current lack of supplies.

Business conditions in the New York stamp market are at the lowest point. Almost every dealer is complaining, never have seen things as bad as this, and yet other businesses are showing increases.

American Philatelic Line Moves to New Quarters

The American Philatelic Line, manufacturers of albums, stock books, the Ful-Vue Cover album and other accessories, recently announced moving to larger quarters at 6 E. 48th St., New York. There they occupy the entire fifth floor. This is the firm's third successive move to larger quarters in the past eight years, this one coinciding with their eighth anniversary this month. They invite their friends to drop in to see them.

Amazon Discovery Issue

Ecuador, we learn in the *New York Times*, proposes to commemorate this year the fourth centenary of the "discovery" of the Amazon by Francisco Orellana. Actually the river was discovered 41 years previously by Vincente Pinzon, one of the two brothers Pinzon who accompanied as navigators, Columbus in his first voyage. Orellana was the first person to explore the river, and in 1541 he traversed its length. He started from Ecuador on this mission in that year, first following one of the leading tributaries of the great river, the Napo. Orellana, was one of Pizarro's men, and Gonzalo Pizarro will be depicted as well on the series, since he is credited with instigation of the exploration.

• Among unusual items in Ohlman Galleries March 29 Sale is a full sheet of the 15c U. S. 1879 issue, also a full sheet of Confederate States 5c of 1862.

• The reason the stamps of Chile bore for so many years the portrait of Columbus exclusively was due to a decree of 1858 which provided that all Chilean stamps depict Columbus. The law was voided by passage of a new one in 1911.

• A post office has been established on Gardner Island, an outlying member of the Gilbert and Ellice postal system, says the *Australian Stamp Monthly*.

• On April 1 the U. S. Naval Station at Guantanamo Bay will change its postmark to indicate the change in status from branch of New York to branch of Miami, Fla.

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February Plate Numbers

A dozen new postage stamp plates were manufactured or assigned for manufacture at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing during February. These were all electric eye convertible rotary press plates: 1c National Defense 22709, 2c National Defense 22710-11, 3c National Defense 22702-03-04-05-12-13; and 3c Vermont Statehood commemorative 22706-07-08. The Defense plates are usual 400 subject size, and the Vermont the usual 200 subject size plates for large size stamps.

During the month only five plates not previously used were sent to press: 21871 1c Presidential sidewise coil, 22464-65 1½c Presidential Electric Eye Convertible sheet stamp, and 22706-07 Vermont Statehood.

The printing of the Vermont stamps was delayed according to a March 5 P. O. Dept. notice "due to conditions temporarily beyond control" and requisitions were not expected to be filled from other than first day post office for about two weeks. The two plates used for this stamp first went to press on February 26.

Dealer's Publications

A neat product of his own press, is the newly issued 56-page 1941 Price List of U. S. and Possessions of the Buckeye Stamp Co., 207-08 Ludlow Bldg., Dayton, O. Copies are 10c. The book is to all purposes a checklist of U. S. postage and revenue issues, of which he carries an extensive stock. Accessories also are listed in a wide variety in the booklet, which is pocket size.

A copy of Wholesale Bargain list No. 41-1 is at hand from J. N. Anzel, 540 Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. For dealers only, it lists foreign singles and sets, many used.

• The postal system of Roumania was an internal establishment until 1869 when it began to accept letters addressed for foreign delivery, and in the same year new values of stamps were introduced to meet the needs of such mails.

PRECANCELS

K. M. Gierhart

Baltimore,

Ohio

Kansas-Nebraska Issue O. K.

Nelson P. LaGanke, head of the Mint Brokerage Co., Cleveland, was troubled recently by postal clerks being suspicious of his and his customers' use of Kansas and Nebraska overprinted stamps. These were badly centered copies of the 1929 overprints, which were being used for postage to get rid of them, since they had no philatelic value. Someone recalled the old postal warning of 1929 that use of these stamps outside the two states be checked to see if the owner came by them honestly and then Mr. LaGanke's troubles began. Finally, the Cleveland Superintendent of Mails issued a bulletin stating the facts and thus making certain postal sleuths would not snoop on LaGanke in the belief they were on the trail of stolen stamps. The stamps have ever since their issuance in 1929 been a source of trouble. Their original purpose was found impractical, but they have at times been mistaken for precanceled or other limited use issues, causing much trouble to their users. To philately the issue was troublesome since so few copies were well centered.

Costa Rican Football Issue

On May 8 the Costa Rican government intends to celebrate by means of an 18 stamp commemorative series, the Central American and Caribbean Football Championship, writes Emilio Acosta Carranza of San Jose. There will be 8 stamps for ordinary mail, ranging from 5 centimos to 1 colon and ten airmails ranging from 15 centimos to 5 colones. The American Bank Note Co. is preparing the air mails and the Columbian Bank Note Co. the others. Flags of the 12 participating countries in their actual colors will be included in the designs. Total face value 15.30 colones (colon is about 18c U. S.).

Correction

We are advised by the Argentine Secretary General of Posts and Telegraphs that our item in the December 28 number stating that Argentina had issued a postal tax stamp from which part of the funds for a housing program were to be derived, is incorrect. The Secretary General advises that that country has never issued any postal stamp for such a purpose. We cannot find the original clipping sent in, but assume that the wrong country was named in the item. Our thanks to the service for advising us of the matter.

• On April 1 these offices will be established: Veterans' Hospital Rural Station, Montgomery, Ala. and Cherokee Dam Rural Station, Jefferson City, Tenn.

• A three-line cachet will be used on covers sent Postmaster Geo. J. Munger, Perrysburg, Ohio for postmarking upon date of official opening late this month of the new post office there.



By Kenneth M. Gierhart
Baltimore, Ohio

PRECANCELED STAMPS ISSUED IN FEBRUARY

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New Presidentials: Palo Alto, Calif., 1c coil; Hartford, Conn., 1½c sheet; Atlanta, Ga., 1½c coil; Baltimore, Md., 3c coil; Boston, Mass., 30c sheet; Minneapolis, Minn., 30c sheet; Kansas City, Mo., 30c sheet; Butte, Montana, 1c sheet; Newark, N. J., 1c coil; Albany, N. Y., 30c sheet; Dayton, Ohio, 1, 1½, 3c coils; Toledo, Ohio, 30c sheet; Shawnee, Okla., ½c sheet; York, Pa., 1½c sheet; Montpelier, Vt., 3c coil; Norfolk, Va., 1½c sheet; Sioux City, Iowa, 1c coil.

New Defense: All sheet stamps. Washington, D.C., 2c, 3c; Bloomington, Ill., 1c; Rockford, Ill., 1c; Springfield, Ill., 1c; Sioux City, Iowa, 1c; Wichita, Kans., 1c; Detroit, Mich., 3c; Saint Paul, Minn., 2c, 3c; Hempstead, N. Y., 1c; New York, N. Y., 2c; Rochester, N. Y., 1c; Cleveland, Ohio, 3c; Columbus, Ohio, 1c; Oklahoma City, Okla., 3c; Altoona, Pa., 1c; York, Pa., 1c; Sioux Falls, S. Dak., 1c.

NOTE: The February shipments of precanceled stamps represent the last orders that will be filled with the old design precancellations. All shipments beginning March 1, 1941, will contain stamps overprinted with the new ("narrow") precancel design.

—Rolston Lyon

OAKLAND, CALIF. ERROR

According to OLD STAMPS the new U-17 electro for Oakland has an error in it. The position and number of times it occurs in the plate has not been determined as yet. The error is a G for a C in CALIF. Several different values have been reported, one collector having the 1c, 2c and 15c. The error has been reported to Hoover Bros. and recognized as such and so will be included in the next catalog.

New Zealand Permits Exports

The absolute ban on stamp sendings abroad has been modified in New Zealand, the *Australian Stamp Monthly* reports. Members of the New Zealand Stamp Dealers Association are now permitted to send stamps, both used and unused abroad, but payment must be received in currency of the country in which the stamps are sold. Each member had to give personal assurance that the strict terms of the agreement would be observed. Meanwhile it continues impossible for collectors or non-member dealers to send stamps abroad. Even the above mentioned members must obtain export licenses for each shipment.

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